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FOR PALMER FROM BARTHOLOMEW AND THORNTON

E.O. ,1652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, YO

SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS AMONG PLANNERS

REF: BELGRADE 6103

1. YOUR MESSAGE WAS PASSED TO LORD IN AFRICA AND HE WOULD BE GLAD TO MEET WITH ZOTOVIC. PLEASE EXTEND INVITATION FOR LUNCH AT 1300 ON OCTOBER 15, PRECEDED BY 90 MINUTE MEETING IN LORD'S OFFICE. PLEASE CONFIRM ZOTOVIC'S ACCEPTANCE. YUGOSLAVS CAN BRING ANY PARTICIPANTS THEY WANT; THEY SHOULD LET US KNOW GENERAL COMPOSITION OF THEIR SIDE SOON, HOWEVER, SO WE CAN MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS AND DETERMINE SIZE OF OUR GROUP. WE WILL ASK EUR TO PARTICIPATE.

2. SINCE ZOTOVIC WILL BE LEAVING BELGRADE SOON, ASSUME CHANNEL FOR FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS ON THIS SUBJECT WILL BE HERE IN WASHINGTON. THORNTON WILL BE S/P ACTION OFFICER; DESIGNATED YUGOSLAV EMBOFF SHOULD CONTACT HIM
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AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO OPEN UP THE CHANNEL.

3. IN HIS MESSAGE TO US, LORD SAID HE HOPED EMBASSY
BELGRADE WOULD PROVIDE US WITH BACKUP MATERIAL FOR

MEETINGS, INCLUDING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION, SUGGESTED
TOPICS, EXPECTED YUGOSLAV POSITIONS, RECOMMENDED US
POSITIONS, AND ANY OTHER INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS
YOU THINK USEFUL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GETTING THIS
AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. DID YOU EVER SEND THE LIST OF YUGOSLAVS WITH WHOM
THORNTON MET DURING HIS BELGRADE VISIT? IT HAS NEVER
BEEN RECEIVED HERE, AND WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE IN HAND
PRIOR TO ZOTOVIC VISIT. ROBINSON

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